

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-43 were pending and under consideration. With this Amendment, no claims are being amended, added or canceled. Thus, after entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-43 are pending and under consideration.

The Amendments of the Specification

The drawings were objected to because they allegedly were not electronically reproducible. For example, Figure 6 was indicated as being too dark. Nine sheets of new drawings are enclosed herewith (Attachment A), and the dark areas, for example on Figure 6, have been removed. The drawings are now electronically reproducible. This amendment does not introduce new matter.

The specification has been amended to correct the wording of the priority claims. A clean copy of this amendment is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner as Attachment B. Basis for this amendment is found at page 1 lines 4-8 of the instant specification and in the filing receipt for the U.S. patent application no. 60/525,284, filed November 25, 2003, and identified by attorney docket no. P-71902-1 at line 8 in the instant specification (copy of filing receipt enclosed as Attachment C). This amendment does not introduce new matter.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the Claims 1-43 satisfy all of the statutory requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is kindly solicited.

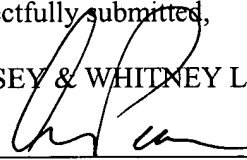
No fees beyond those under 37 CFT 1.16(e) are being submitted concurrently herewith. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-71902/AMP/JFB).

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